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Applicant: Mark A. Christopherson

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Examiner: Eric Frank Winakur

Title: INFORMATION REMOTE MONITOR (IRM) MEDICAL DEVICE

RESPONSE TO ADVISORY OFFICE ACTION

DATED DECEMBER 6, 2002

Honorable Commissioner For Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

The rejection of the claims as being obvious from Halperin (U.S. Patent No. 5,810,735) in view of Krichen (U.S. Patent No. 6,250,309) was maintained in the Advisory Action of October 22, 2002. The basis for the rejection is that Halperin discloses an external barometric pressure sensor used in combination with an absolute pressure measurement obtained by an implanted cardiac pressure sensor to produce corrected cardiac pressure data that is telemetered to a programmer. Halperin, however, fails to disclose a communication link between the programmer and a remote data center over which corrected cardiac pressure data is transferred. Krichen is relied upon as teaching a system of transferring information from an implanted medical device to a remote center.